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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO AMEMBASSY MANILA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L HONG KONG 0959

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MANILA PLEASE PASS TO JUSMAG

SECSTATE FOR POL/MIL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: BEXP, HK
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE TO GOP OF US. AMMUNITION VIA HONG KONG

REF: A. 77 MANILA 19745 B. 77 HONG KONG 15097

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REFERENCE TRANSACTION IS NOW
AVAILABLE:

1. CHOICE COMMODITY (FE) LIMITED, 1102 SHING LOON BUILDING, 24-26
STANLEY STREET, CENTRAL, HONG KONG (GPO BOX 409) IS A LIMITED COMPANY
WHICH WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1974 BUT REORGANIZED IN 1977. NO
INFORMATION ON PREVIOUS SALES AVAILABLE. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
PHILIP D. MORAIS AND FILIPINO CITIZEN RAMON S. CHUA TOGETHER HOLD
CONTROLLING INTEREST IN FIRM, WHICH IS 40 PER CENT FILIPINO-OWNED.
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2. MORAIS, CHUA AND RAY ADAMS (MENTIONED IN REF B) HAVE
ATTEMPTED TO INTEREST POST IN AN ENERGY-SAVING SCHEME
INVOLVING TECHNOLOGY WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO COINCIDE
WITH CURRENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE IN THAT FIELD. SCHEME
INVOLVES A CATALYST WHICH ALLEGEDLY MAKE IT POSSIBLE
TO ADD WATER TO GASOLINE. THE CATALYST OFFER IS

MENTIONED ONLY AS BACKGROUND INFORMATION. AS IT HAS NO
DIRECT BEARING ON THE ARMS DEAL.

3. IN LIGHT OF REF A, WE HAVE SUGGESTED TO MORAIS ET AL
THAT HE HAVE BANDALIAN CONTACT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE
AMEMBASSY MANILA IF FOLLOW-UP IS DESIRED ON ARMS DEAL.
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